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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were unchanged except in New York prices were one cent higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with mediums in the strongest position. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced, instances tight in spot locations. Breaking stock as well as checks and undergrades' prices were unchanged. Offerings were slightly less available with demand improving and reported as mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate. Removal prices were steady at 0 to 12.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good and was noted as improved when compared to last week. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times tight. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were slightly less available with demand improving and reported as mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	90-92
LARGE	86-94	88-91
MEDIUM	67-73	70-72
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where limited features were in progress. Large eggs were advertised at 99 cents per dozen. Supplies were adequate to at times close for immediate needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged short to adequate for the light demand. Offerings of light type fowl were generally sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	70-85	74-77
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 02, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.50	96.00	75.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	75.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	71.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	97.50	79.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.28	94.98	75.32

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	01-06-04	12-30-03	01-07-03
Large	69-76	69-73	36-40
Medium	50-54	50-54	21-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- Jan 05, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	17.6	6.9	11.6	11.9	55.4
	Change	1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-3.2	-0.5	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	45.1	13.5	21.6	27.0	126.2
	Change	2.6	-3.1	0.9	6.5	2.0	8%
Large	Curr Wk	42.7	115.2	78.3	76.7	89.6	402.5
	Change	6.2	-13.4	-5.0	12.0	7.8	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	42.8	13.3	27.6	30.2	127.1
	Change	3.7	-3.2	1.5	0.1	-6.2	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.1	4.3	3.8	6.3	23.8
	Change	1.9	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.4	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	28.6	10.9	20.0	7.0	71.3
	Change	-0.8	4.5	3.1	0.3	0.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.0	57.2	15.8	33.0	35.4	168.4
	Change	7.9	18.4	2.1	14.3	-0.3	34%
Total	Curr Wk	118.4	311.6	143.0	194.3	207.4	974.7
Percent	Change	24%	1%	1%	18%	2%	7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	974.7	7%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	309.1	10%	36

Total Shell Egg	1283.8	7%	206
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	95.4	309.4	141.1	164.4	203.9
					914.2

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 03-JAN-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	3,645
PW	989,735	25,126	8,518	4,734	2,256	3,521
LY	1,075,635	24,656	10,600	5,859	3,047	4,085
% CHG PW	3	-2	12	7	14	4
% CHG LY	-5	0	-10	-14	-15	-11
2004	61,569,696	1,515,838	554,550	301,918	121,311	220,242
2003	63,488,409	1,488,045	604,311	324,990	147,139	225,781
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.85	42.33	42.02	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.29	38.78	38.22	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
STATE	27-Dec 2003	03-Jan 2004	27-Dec 2003	03-Jan 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL	*29,725	29,693	*21,883	21,775
AR	31,091	30,893	*25,698	24,457
DE	*3,696	3,678	*4,230	4,201
FL	1,353	1,329	1,703	1,736
GA	*32,909	33,440	*26,178	26,279
KY	*6,716	6,595	*5,654	5,805
LA	3,452	3,588	3,708	3,802
MD	*8,793	8,858	*6,495	6,470
MS	18,908	19,073	16,463	16,528
NC	17,187	17,861	13,481	14,162
OK	*6,213	6,263	*3,879	5,505
PA	*3,838	3,741	*2,642	2,509
SC	3,614	3,659	3,928	3,776
TX	14,631	14,322	11,822	11,457
VA	6,174	6,220	*4,896	5,386
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,011	17,041	*15,201	14,140
19 State Total	*205,311	206,254	*167,861	167,988
Previous Year Total	201,018	204,119	162,414	164,413
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	102

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 13-Feb-04 is estimated at 154.6 million head. This compares to 155.6 million head the previous week and to 153.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.86 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 1, 2004-JAN 7, 2004

Current Loads 73.00 Future Loads 55.50 Total Loads 128.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	73.33	82.25	79.00	75.20	81.00	73.50	30.00
GNR W 2	72.50	74.00	71.00	67.60	60.00	62.00	7.00
GNR W 3	--	--	54.00	55.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	56.00	51.50	52.50	53.00	--	4.00
GNR BR 1	--	99.00	107.00	107.00	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	88.50	89.50	--	--	2.00
GL W XL	--	91.00	87.20	90.23	80.01	84.80	39.75
GL W LG	--	89.07	81.75	85.00	77.64	83.00	34.25
GL W MD	69.00	67.00	64.20	69.50	62.20	64.00	20.75
GL W SM	45.00	47.00	50.33	52.17	--	--	2.50
GL BR LG	--	--	103.00	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	65.00	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 03-Jan-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.3	33.0	-23	7
BOSTON	4.1	4.3	-5	14
CHICAGO	66.7	69.4	-4	32
DETROIT	32.9	32.2	2	-5
KANSAS CITY	4.5	5.8	-22	2
LOS ANGELES	97.1	103.5	-6	11
NEW ORLEANS	9.7	10.5	-8	-16
NEW YORK	31.3	31.8	-2	-22
ST. LOUIS	18.5	16.3	13	13
SAN FRANCISCO	24.0	24.7	-3	0
TOTAL	314.1	331.5	-5	6
4 WK MVG AVG	322.8			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	684	37	22.71	(A)	687	22.71
SATL	482	155	32.60	(A)	485	32.60
N CENT	1,278	21	32.74	(A)	1,281	32.74
S CENT	479	84	20.58	(A)	481	20.58
WEST	227	101	24.81	(A)	229	24.81
U.S. TOTAL	3,150(B)	49	28.13	13	3,163	28.13
TO-DATE						
2003	245,658(B)			620	246,278	
TO-DATE						
2002	*241,887(B)			665	242,552*	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000 for the year 3,156,000; last year to date 2,737,000. *Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date 2002 unchanged from last week.*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 03-Jan-2004

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
AVG WT	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	28.13
LAST WEEK	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
SAME WK YR AGO	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41	29.73
TO-DATE/2003	99,467	143,035	3,156	620	246,278
TO-DATE/2002	*96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552*

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 03-Jan-04
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	134,816	1,118	898	2,016	413
AVG WT	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31	6.82
LAST WEEK	113,075	918	808	1,726	374
SAME WK YR AGO	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56	6.57
TO-DATE/2003	8,067,093	74,013	73,017	147,030	21,879
TO-DATE/2002*	7,986,625	89,440	72,815	162,255	21,547

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 10.6 million head less than or 93% of estimated fryers available.

Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-04

CLASS	Current Week 01/10/04(1)	Previous Week 01/03/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	156,475(2)	133,187
LT HENS	1,310	1,143
HVY HENS	1,482	930
TOTAL	159,267	135,260

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jan-04 is 151.1 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Jan-04 the estimated available is 156.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
DECEMBER 6	156.8	150.2	104%	5.45
13	155.4	150.2	103%	5.23
20	156.3	147.8	106%	5.34
27	114.4	145.8	78%	5.22
JANUARY 3	136.5	147.1	93%	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	8165.2	8260.5	99%	
JANUARY 10		151.1		
17		156.3		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 01/05/04-01/09/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.75	38	61.55	75	
Los Angeles	74.00	72.08	66	70.08	156	
New York	63.00-65.00	64.04	23	64.22	51	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
5-Jan-04	29-Dec-03	29-Dec-03	6-Jan-03	
65.75	0.18	65.57	61.08	
NUMBER OF LOADS	658			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 01/01/04	3,162	119,108	43,610
AM 12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
CHG	-233	8553	-1863
PCT CHG	-7%	8%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	381	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	560	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 05-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.61
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.5	8.95

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 02-Jan-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11

So. Central

Removal Cost Too Few To Report

No. Central

Removal Cost 0-12.5 10-12.25

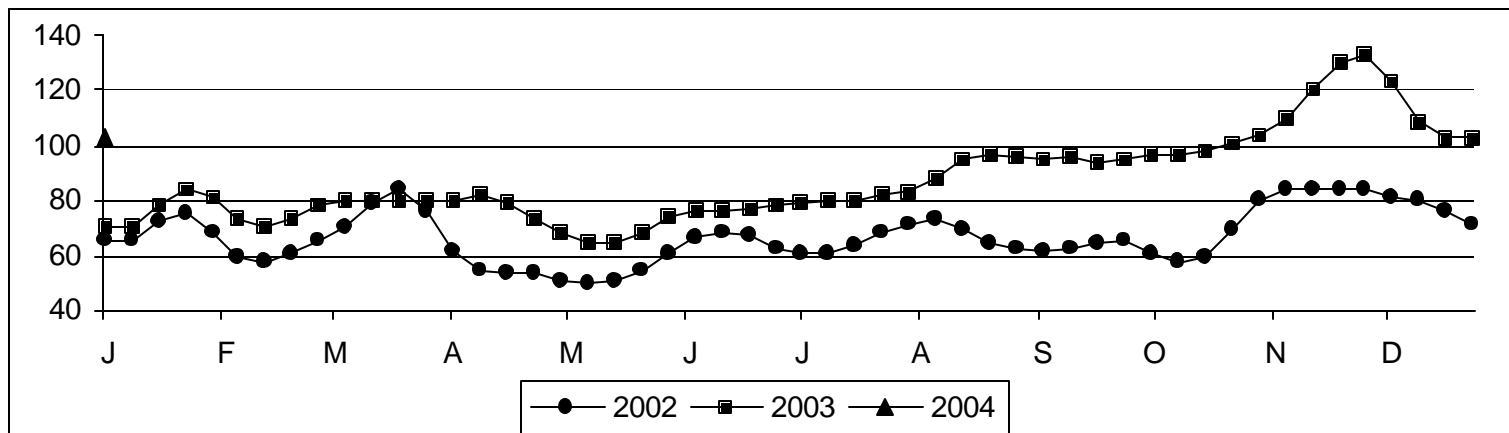
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 03-Jan-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.0	-3	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	525.2	1	0
W.N. CENTRAL	272.6	-1	-1
S. ATLANTIC	180.9	-2	0
S. CENTRAL	109.6	4	20
WEST	181.7	-1	-7
TOTAL	1487.0	0	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

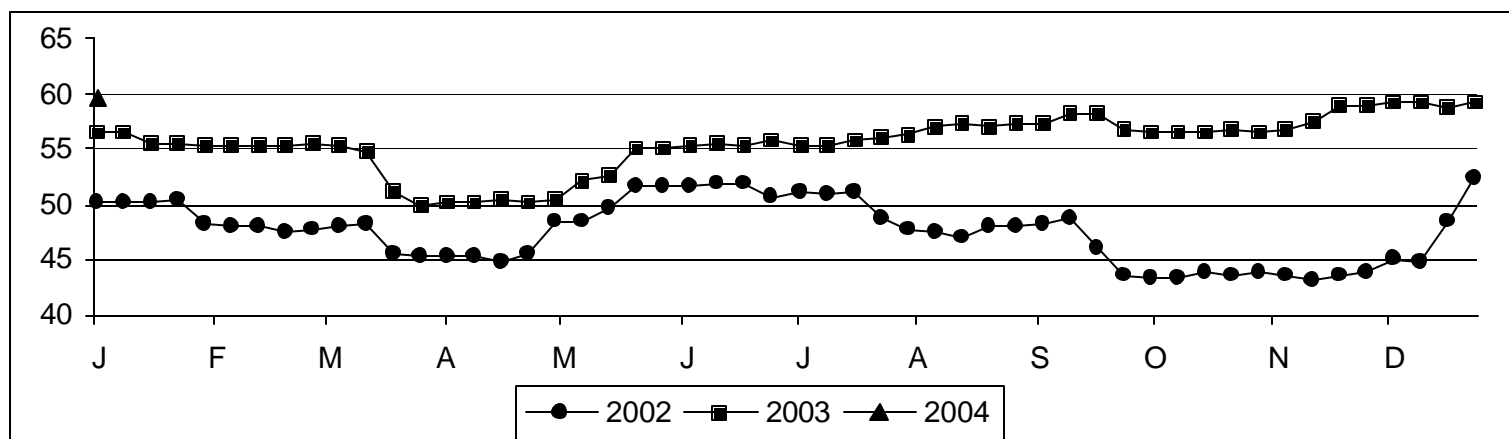
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



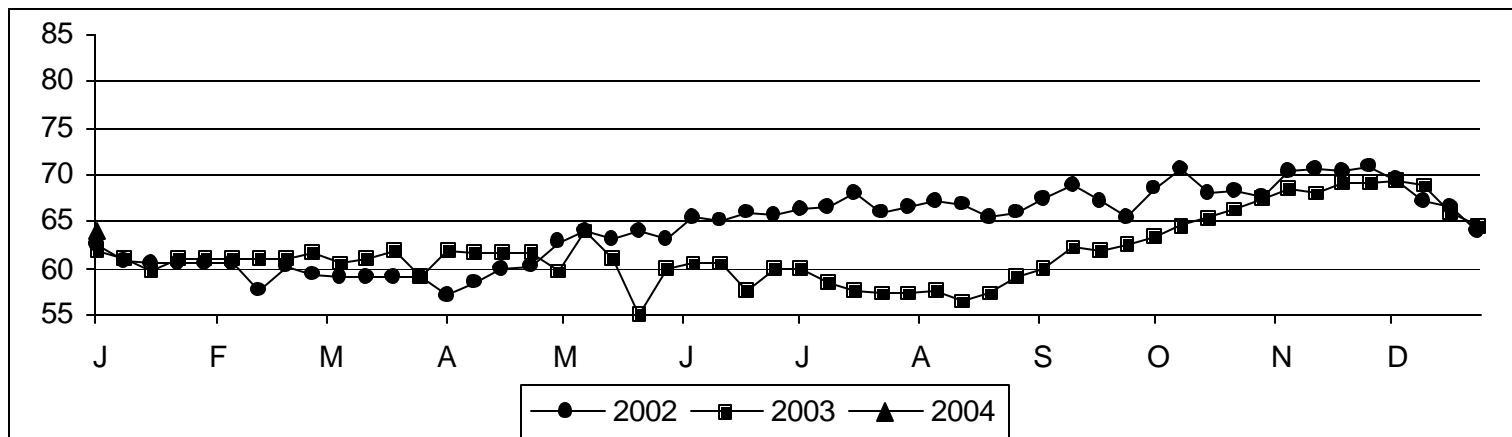
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys

Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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